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October 19, 2007

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10587981 in the amount of \$450.00 has been denied .

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rita White", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/587,981 Confirmation No. : 7084
First Named Inventor : Hansgeorg SCHAAF
Filed : August 3, 2006
TC/A.U. : 3735
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

Docket No. : 102435.57668US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Endoscope Comprising a Flexible Probe

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

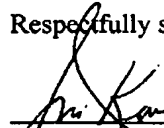
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of, \$450, half of the \$900, fee already paid in connection with the filing of the above-identified National Stage application on August 3, 2006.

A Supplemental Application Data Sheet claiming Small Entity Status is being filed in this application concurrently herewith.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time Sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No.: 102435.57668US.

Respectfully submitted,


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Application Number:	10587981
International Application Number:	
Confirmation Number:	7084
Title of Invention:	Endoscope comprising a flexible probe
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Hansgeorg Schaaf
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